Production of Cotton

1659. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and actual production of cotton during 1991-92 and the target for 1992-93;

(b) the demand for cotton in mill sector, powerloom sector and other sectors during this period;

(c) the reasons for importing cotton during this year; if any;

(d) whether it is a fact that India is still in short supply of medium staple cotton; and

(e) if so, the steps which are being taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The production of cotton during 1991-92 was estimated to be about 98 lakh bales against the target of 120 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each. Its target for 1992-93 is fixed at 120 lakh bales.

(b) The Cotton Advisory Board at its meeting held on 14-2-1992 has estimated the Mill consumption during 1991-92 season at 106.25 lakh bales and the Non-Mill consumption at 8.00 lakh bales. No estimates of consumption have been made so far for the 1992-93 season.

(c) Keeping in view the demands of ths Handloom sector, Government decided in April, 1992 to allow import of upto 2 lakh bales of cotton free of import duty by the spinning mills exclusively for supply of hank yarn to the Handloom Sector under a special arrangement. However, due to subsequent changes in the domestic and international price situation, no import of cotton has taken place so far under this arrangement.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Wastage of Milk

1660. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR;
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Delhi was starving of milk and children crying for this scarce commodity, a huge quantity of around 10.69 lakh kgs. of milk went down the drain in mid May this year as reported in the 'Hindu' of June, 1992; and

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made into the large scale waste of the scarce commodity; if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir. According to Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS), due to power breakdown on 17th and 18th May, 1992, no milk could be accepted between 11.00 hrs. and 14.30 hrs. and between 16.30 hrs. to 18 30 hrs. on 17.5.1992 and between 09.00 hrs. and 16.30 hrs. on 18-5-1992. Consequently some of the milk tankers had to be returned to avoid spoilage due to prolonged detention in DMS premises. Despite this 22.62 lakh kgs. of milk was procured between 17-5-1992 to 23.5.1992 as against the contracted quantity of 10.59 lakh kgs. which includes 3.74 lakh kgs. against contracted quantity of 70,000 kgs. of M/s. Nanak Food Industries mentioned in "Hindu" of 9th June, 1992. However, 1.33 lakh kgs. of milk not conforming to laid down standards was rejected irrespective of source of supply.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम के संबंध में टाटा कन्सलटेंसी सर्विसेज की सिफारिशें

1661. श्री अजीत जोगी :
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम के कार्यकरण का अध्ययन करने के लिए